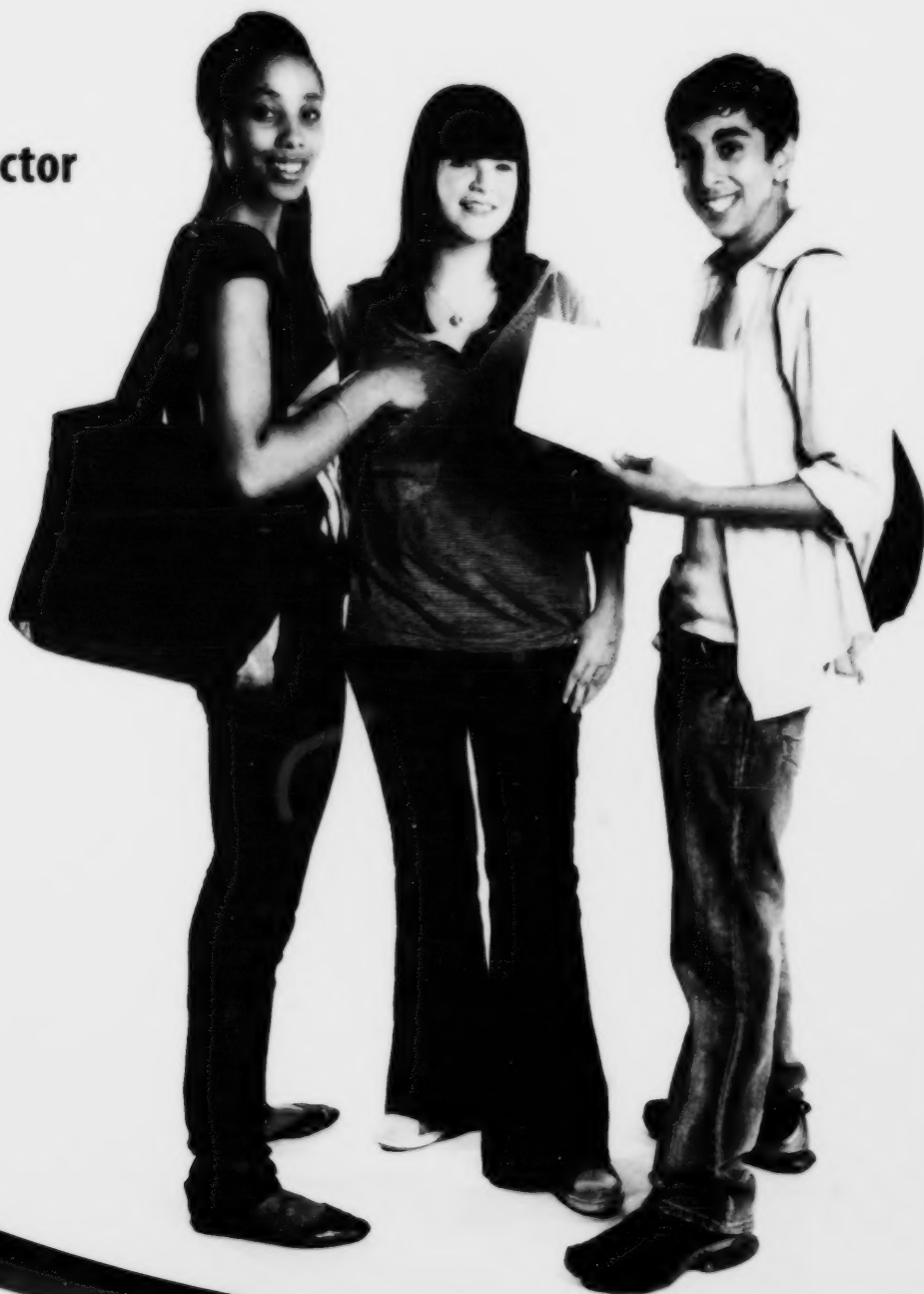


2007 Grade 12 Exit Survey

What's on Your Mind?

Anglophone Sector



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Executive Summary

The Department of Education administered a survey among high school students concerning their experience at school, as well as their plans for the future. The survey was composed of nine different sections:

- Demographic Information
- Academic Background
- School Environment
- E-Learning and New Technologies
- Enrichment Opportunities
- Language Skills
- Physical Activity and Healthy Living
- Learning Environment
- My Future

The survey was sent to a sample of graduates (35%) from both linguistic sectors in May 2007. In order to gather reliable data, each school received a list of names and students were required to answer a series of questions. The list of Grade 12 students was generated at random using the Central Student Data Repository (CSDR) at the Department of Education.

Student Profile

A little over half of the respondents were female. The majority of respondents (95%) spoke English at home and 3% spoke both French and English at home. Almost 7 out of 10 respondents lived with both parents and 19.5% with their mother. The vast majority (95.1%) of respondents were Canadian citizens born in Canada. Ten percent of respondents declared they were part of a visible minority, 4% a person with a disability and 8% followed a special education plan.

School Marks

It should be noted that school marks were provided by the respondents and may not represent the results actually achieved. Keeping this in mind and the fact that the number of students surveyed is but a sample of overall enrolment in these courses, Physics, Chemistry and Law were those in which the failure rate (less than 60%) was the highest. On the flip-side, Computer Science, History and Law were the three subjects in which marks were the highest.

Two out of three respondents never had to take a course more than once to receive a passing mark in high school. One respondent out of five had to retake at least one course, 6.9%, two courses and almost 5% had to retake three courses or more.

School Environment

Overall, respondents were satisfied with the school environment and enjoyed their experience at school. Four respondents out of five said students were generally well behaved in class and almost 70% did not believe that learning was interrupted by discipline problems. Nearly three-quarters of the respondents believed that discipline was managed effectively at school. Although almost 85% believed their school was a safe environment and a place where they felt respected, 36% said they had, at one point, felt like an outsider at school.

Bullying at school was present at all grade levels, but more significantly in Grades 6 to 8, where over 30% of respondents reported being bullied. More than half of the respondents said it happened frequently and the majority were bullied by the same individuals. Despite being victims of bullying, only one in three reported it to their teachers and more than half reported it to their parents.

E-Learning and New Technologies

Overall, respondents were satisfied with the access to computers at school, their ability to use computers effectively and the usefulness of the computer skills they acquired. However, almost 30% were dissatisfied with the opportunities their school gave them to improve their computer skills, and 27% were dissatisfied with opportunities to participate in online courses. Approximately 29% of respondents indicated they were enrolled in an online course during high school of which 64% indicated they were satisfied with the online course.

For the most part, respondents were comfortable using computer technology as a learning tool. About 90% said they often used computer technology at home and 81% at school, as a research tool for school projects. However, only 65% said their teachers used computer technology as a learning tool.

Enrichment Opportunities

Between 50% and 60% of respondents said they regularly or sometimes had the opportunity to participate in cultural activities organized by the school and outside of school. Two-thirds of respondents said they regularly or sometimes read the newspaper or online news, or watch TV news. However, a similar ratio said they never or rarely used their public or school library resources.

In all, 36% of respondents participated in a work experience program during high school and 9% in a youth apprenticeship program.

Part-time employment is the activity to which respondents devoted the most time, followed by sports organized by the school or outside the school. Almost half spent 10 hours or more a week at a part-time job. More than half of the respondents did not participate in activities organized by their school (e.g. drama, clubs and student council). Although only 15% of respondents said they devoted at least one hour per week to a social action group, nearly half did at least one hour of volunteer work in the community per week, including 3.6% who volunteered more than 10 hours per week.

Respondents had limited knowledge of school and district governance. The large majority of respondents knew nothing or very little about the District Education Council and Parent School Support Committee. Regarding different levels of government, 46% of respondents knew a fair amount or a lot about the Government of Canada, 41% about the Government of New Brunswick and 28% about municipal government. Although the majority of respondents had only limited knowledge of government, more than 85% planned to vote in the next federal and provincial elections and 72% at the municipal election.

Fifteen percent of respondents did not know whether their parents or guardians were involved in school or district governance. Only 2.7% of respondents confirmed that their parents were involved in the District Education Council, 10% in the Parent School Support Committee and 11% in the Home and School Association.

Language Skills

Fifty-two percent were never enrolled in a French Immersion Program. Of the 42% of respondents who were enrolled in French Immersion, 45% were enrolled in early immersion and 55% in late immersion. Fifty-seven percent remained in an immersion program while 32% said they switched to the English program in high school and 11% switched before.

When they were taught French as a second language, 63% could easily understand their teacher and 49% could easily understand new ideas in French. Forty-five percent were comfortable using French outside school, however only 19% indicated using French in their daily activities.

Only 11% of respondents indicated being enrolled in a third language course at school and 65% were dissatisfied with the opportunities their school provided to participate in such courses. Only 16% of respondents were comfortable using a third language and the main reason for learning a third language was personal interest.

Physical Activity and Healthy Living

The majority of respondents seemed satisfied with the opportunities they were given to participate in activities other than Physical Education and to develop positive attitudes toward healthy living and physical activities. In addition, nearly 80% of the respondents affirmed that their school promoted healthy eating and that teachers showed a positive attitude towards healthy living and health related issues.

Learning Environment

The vast majority of respondents were satisfied with the learning environment and their teachers. Almost 90% agreed that their teachers knew their subject and cared about their learning success. According to over three-quarters of the respondents, resources were available to help them understand a lesson. Nearly nine out of ten said the lessons involved discussion, projects, and activities. More than 70% believed their school had strong school spirit and a positive learning environment, and 81% said their school offered activities and initiatives for the betterment of students.

My Future

Over 9 respondents out of 10 planned to pursue some form of post-secondary education after they finished high school including 34% who planned to study at a public university in New Brunswick, 17% at a New Brunswick Community College, 13% in a university outside New Brunswick and 4% at a college outside the province. Less than 13% of the respondents did not intend to pursue studies immediately. Only 1.2% of respondents intended to begin work with no plans to undertake further studies, and 3% intended to take time off from work and studies altogether.

Most respondents, as well as their parents, expected to obtain a university degree followed closely by a certificate or diploma in two years or less. Only 8% of respondents planned to stop at high school.

According to respondents, not having enough money was the main barrier to pursuing a post-secondary education.

The majority of respondents appeared satisfied with the knowledge acquired at school. About eight respondents out of ten said they were satisfied with the quality of education received in school and believed they had learned the skills and developed the abilities needed to pursue further studies. More than three-quarters of respondents believed that school prepared them for post-secondary studies and 69% for work.

Fifty percent of respondents planned to stay in the province and 31% planned to leave the province but come back in a few years. Only 19% of respondents planned to leave the province with no plan to come back.

Methodology

In May 2007, the Department of Education sent all high schools in the province the *2007 Grade 12 Exit Survey - What's on Your Mind?*. The survey provides graduates the opportunity to share their opinion on various issues such as enrichment opportunities at school, access to new technologies, and the school environment. The survey also provides the Department with data on students' plans after high school and their perception of how well their school prepared them for the future.

It should be noted that the objective of this survey is to gather information about students' school experience and is not an evaluation of schools and districts. The survey is part of the Department's ongoing effort to be transparent and accountable, and the data gathered helps inform decision-making.

Sample Design and Selection

The Exit Survey was developed in consultation with various sectors of the Department and district superintendents in 2006. To ensure continuity in reporting, the same questions were used in the 2007 survey. The questionnaire informs the various targets set by the Department.

A list containing the names of randomly selected Grade 12 students, representing 35% of the school's graduating population, was submitted to each high school in the province. Each school received a list of 10 additional names to replace students who could not participate in the survey owing to extended absence or other valid reasons. This list of additional names could be increased at the request of a school principal. The rate of return varied from one school to another, but a total of 1,755 students were surveyed, which represents 28.7% of the entire Grade 12 student population in the anglophone sector as of March 2007.

Note: The same sampling rules also applied to the francophone sector.

Data Analysis

The survey is made up of different questions organized into nine themes (Appendix). Students were instructed to answer the questions, unless otherwise indicated, as an overview of their high school experience. Only one answer was accepted for each question. Students who did not answer or who answered a question incorrectly are not included in the total sum ($n=$). Consequently, a specific number 'n' is associated with each question. For some of the questions, an N/A option was available for students to whom the question did not apply (e.g. satisfaction with one or more of the online courses in which the student was enrolled). To get a more representative overview of the results, the "N/A" answers are not included in the analysis.

Since the survey was administered to a sample of students, the results obtained may not be representative of the opinion of all students. Consequently, the term "respondent" is used in this document to refer to the students surveyed.

The SPSS program was used to analyze the data.

Detailed Results

Section A – Demographic Information

Student Profile

Table 1 shows the demographic profile of students who participated in the Exit Survey.

- A little over half of the respondents were female.
- English was the language most spoken at home. Ninety-four percent of respondents spoke English at home and 3% spoke both French and English at home.
- The vast majority of respondents were 17 or 18 years old.
- Six and a half percent of respondents self-identified as Aboriginal, including 4.4% living in a First Nation community, and 2.1% not living in a First Nation community.
- Ten percent of respondents said they belonged to a visible minority.
- On the whole, the vast majority (95%) of the respondents were Canadian citizens born in Canada.
- More than two respondents out of three lived with both parents, while 19.5% lived with their mother. Less than 4% of the respondents lived with their father and a similar percentage shared time between their mother and father.
- Almost 4% of respondents said they are a person with a disability, and 8% said they follow a special education plan.

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Male	46.0%
Female	54.0%
Language spoken at home (n=1743)	
English	94.3%
French	0.7%
Equally, both French and English	3.0%
Other Language(s)	2.0%
Age (n=1753)	
16 or under	0.4%
17	48.7%
18	43.4%
19	6.7%
20	0.7%
21 or over	0.2%
Member of a visible minority or an Aboriginal person (n=1734)	
An Aboriginal person living in a First Nation community	4.4%
An Aboriginal person not living in a First Nation community	2.1%
A visible minority (<i>other than Aboriginal</i>)	10.0%
Citizenship (n=1747)	
A landed immigrant in Canada	2.2%
A non-permanent resident of Canada	1.0%
A Canadian citizen born in Canada	95.1%
Other	1.7%
Living with (n=1748)	
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Father only	3.7%
Time shared between mother and father	3.1%
Guardian(s)	2.9%
Other	3.9%
A person with a disability (n=1735)	
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Yes	8.0%

Section B – Academic Background

Most Recent Marks

Although the academic data varied depending on the subject, the overall proportion of students in each category is similar. More than half of the respondents reported receiving marks in the 70% to 89% range in most subjects.

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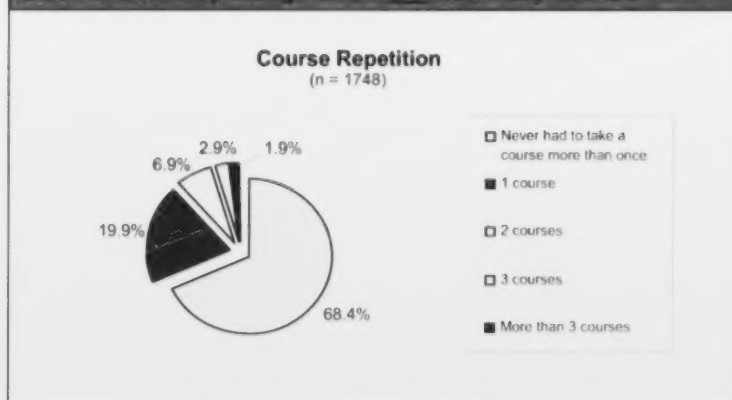
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French second language	22.9%	34.5%	23.5%	14.3%	4.8%	1164
Biology	19.6%	32.6%	24.0%	16.6%	7.1%	1298
Physics	19.7%	31.6%	22.5%	17.8%	8.4%	844
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Computer Science (any)	42.9%	33.3%	13.6%	7.7%	2.6%	730
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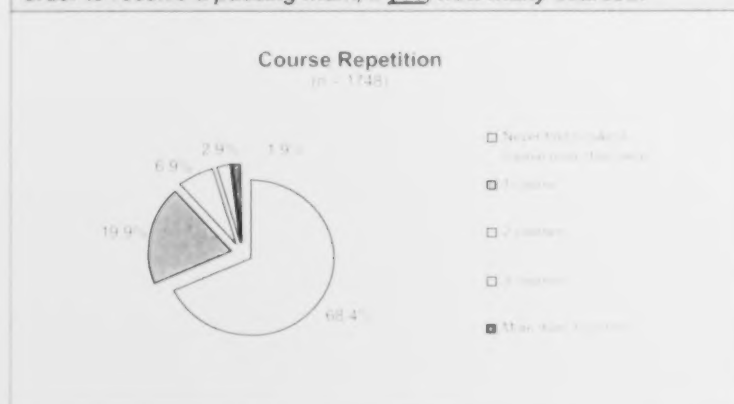
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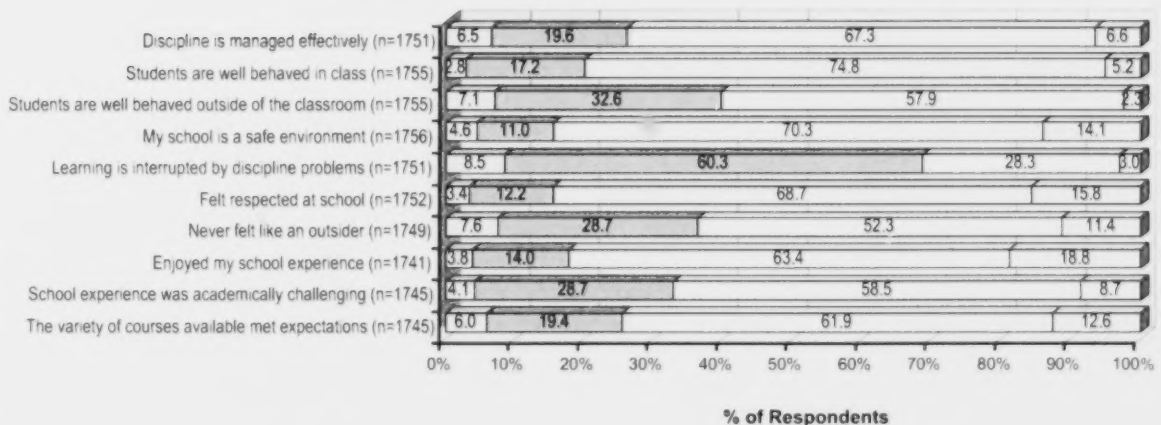
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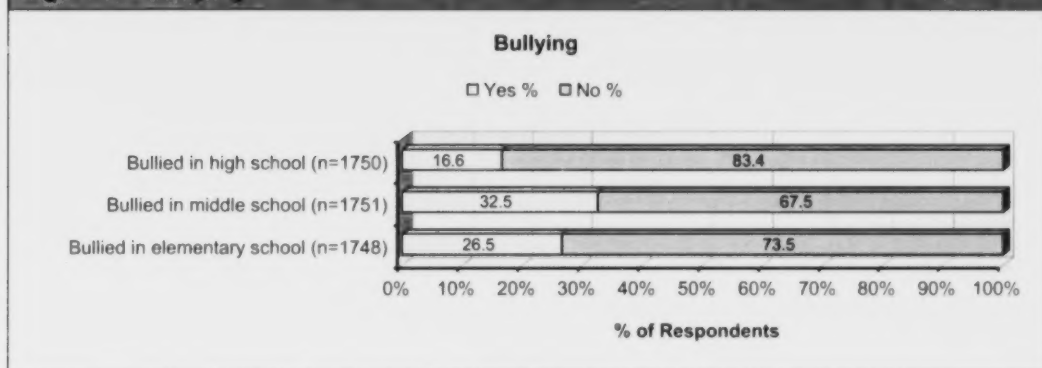
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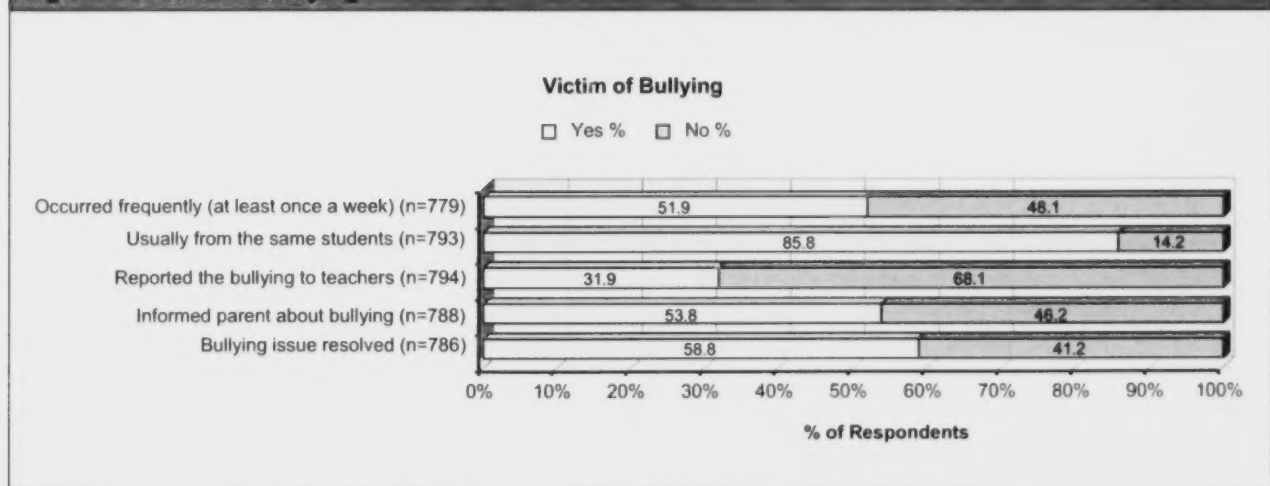
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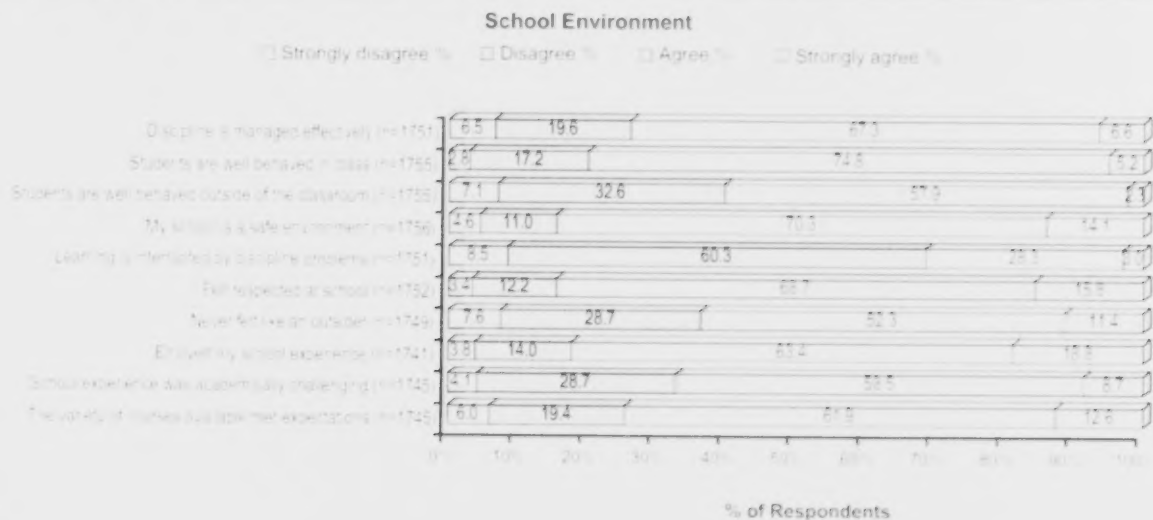
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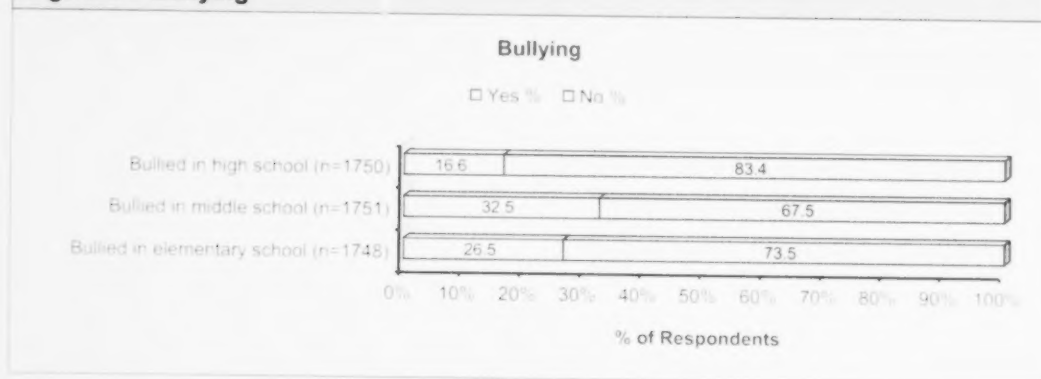
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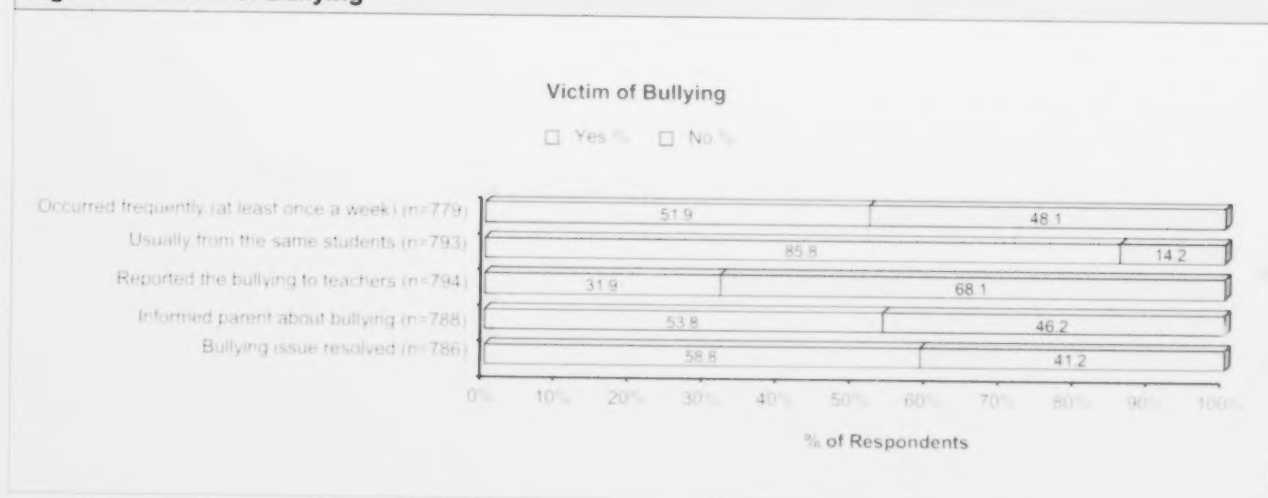
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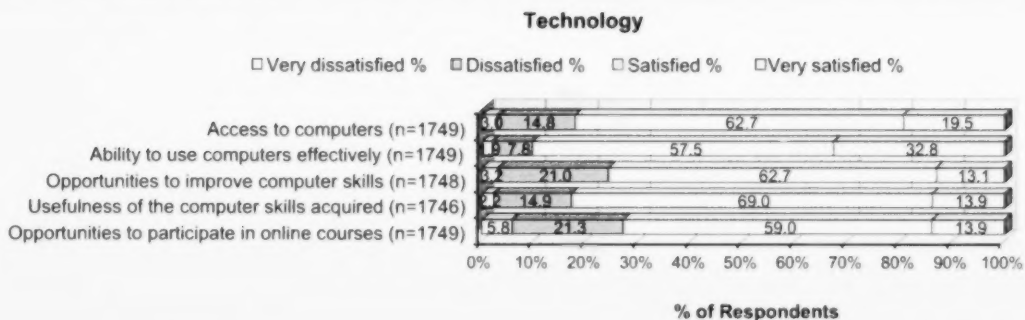


Section D – E-Learning and New Technologies

Satisfaction with Technology Used at School

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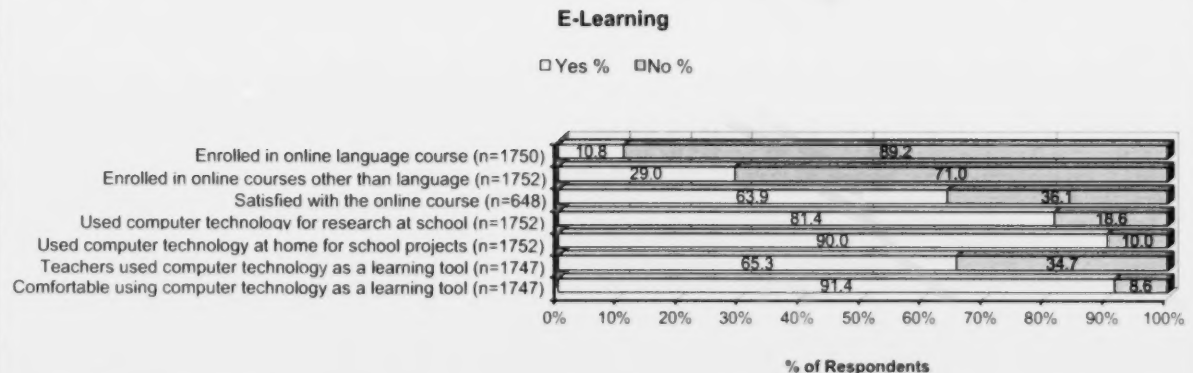
Figure 5 – Satisfaction with Technology Used at School
Indicate your level of satisfaction for each of the following statements



E-Learning

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Figure 6 – E-Learning



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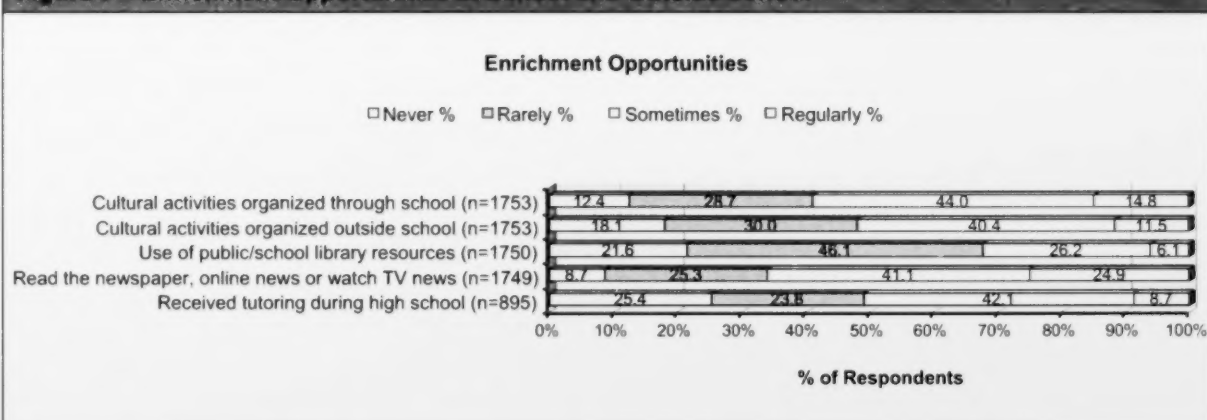
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Almost 70% of respondents said they never or rarely used public or school library resources. However, 25% read the newspaper or online news, or watched TV news on a regular basis, and 41% did so occasionally. Nearly 51% of respondents sometimes or regularly received tutoring during high school.

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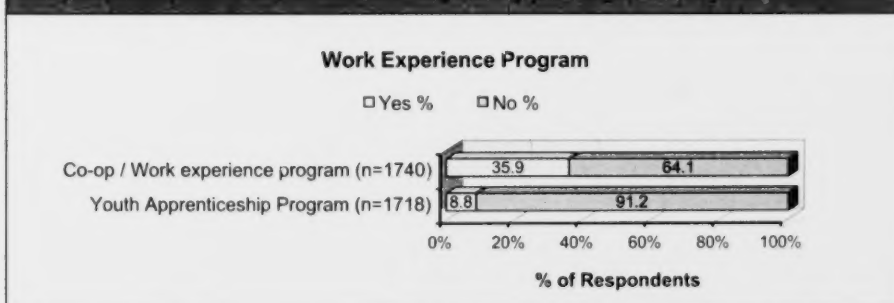


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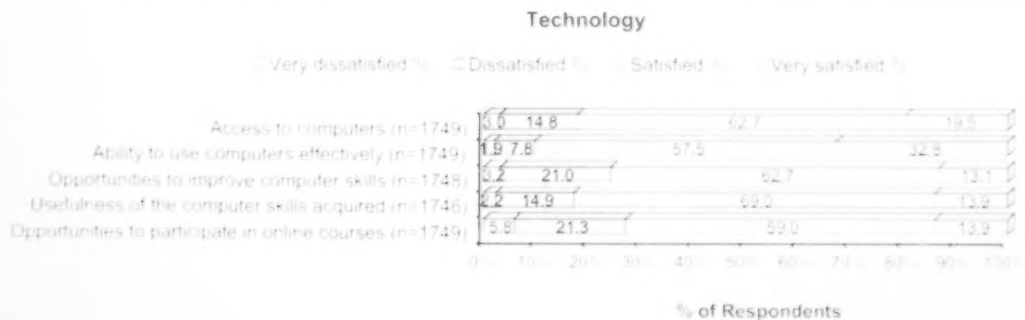
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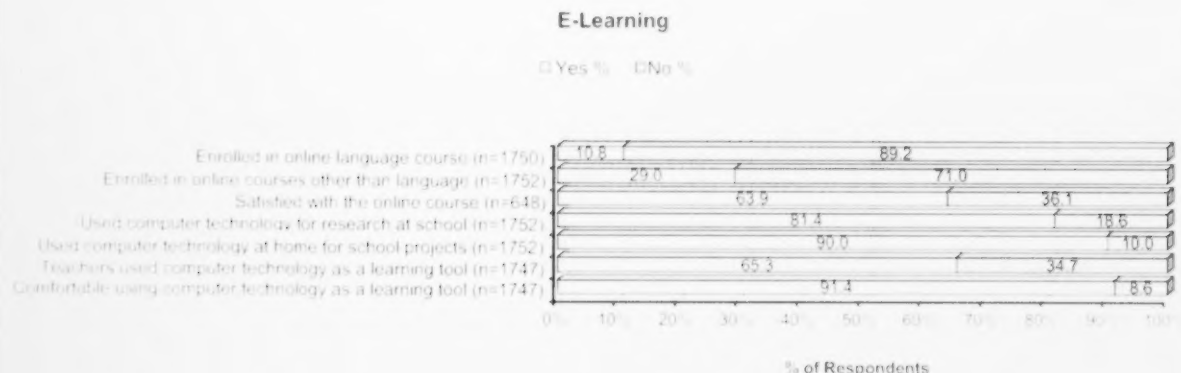
Indicate your level of satisfaction for each of the following statements.



E-Learning

Twenty-nine percent of respondents indicated they were enrolled in an online course during high school and an additional 11% in an online language course. Sixty-four percent indicated they were satisfied with the online course they were enrolled in.

Figure 6 – E-Learning



More than nine respondents out of ten said they were comfortable using computer technology as a learning tool. About 90% said they often used computer technology at home and 81% at school, as a research tool for school projects. However, only 65% said their teachers used computer technology as a learning tool.

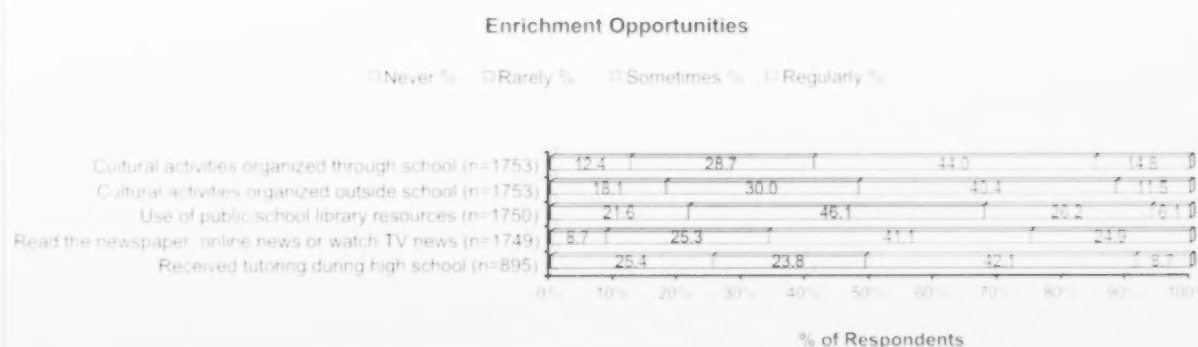
Section E – Enrichment Opportunities

Enrichment Opportunities at School and Outside School

When asked to indicate the opportunities they had to participate in enrichment activities, between 50 and 60% of respondents said they regularly or sometimes had the opportunity to participate in cultural activities organized by the school and in activities organized outside of school.

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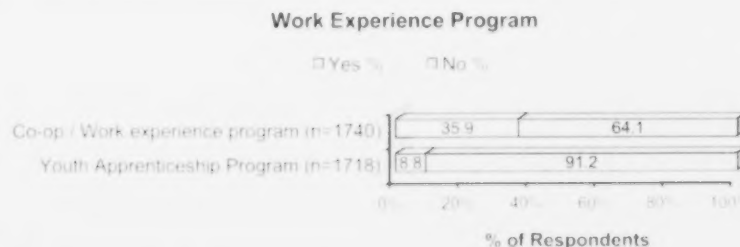
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Participation in a Work Experience Program

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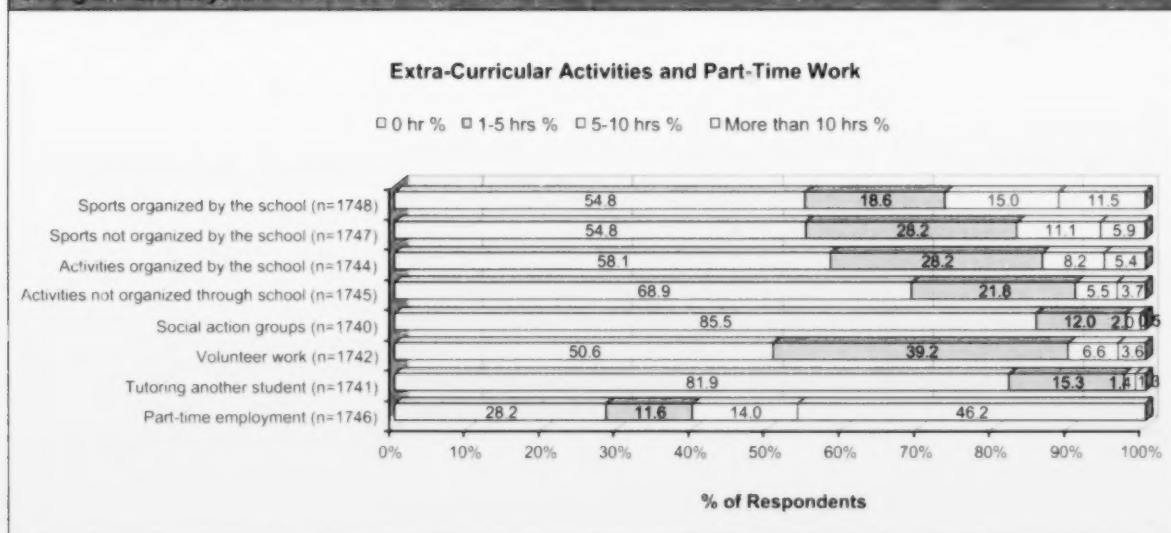
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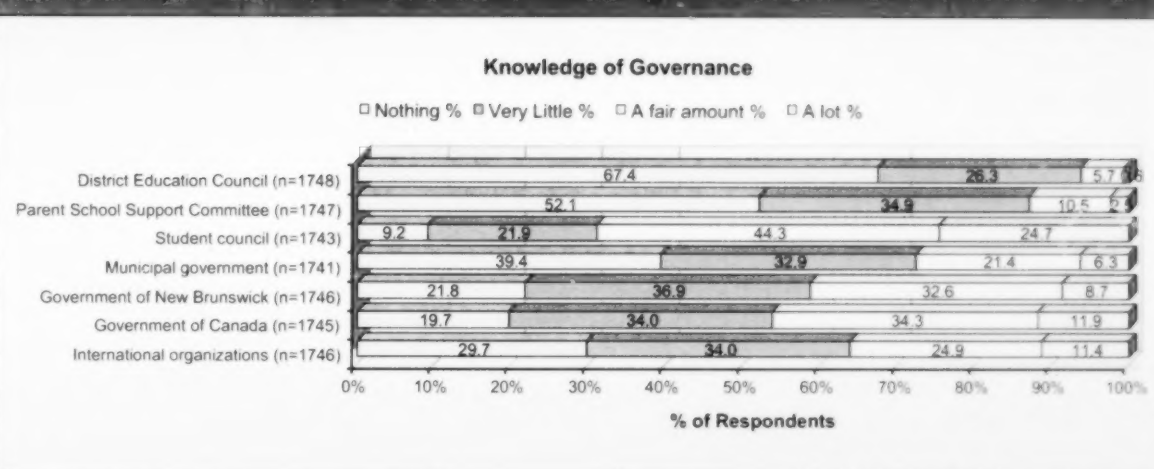
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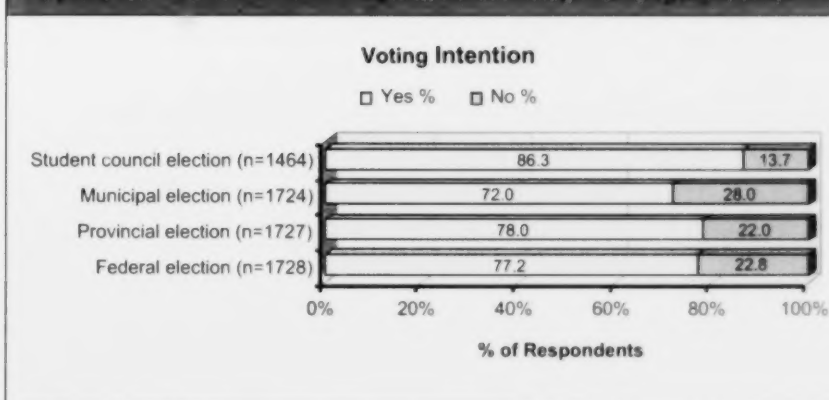
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More than 75% of respondents said they planned to vote in the next federal and provincial elections or when they were legally entitled to vote. Seventy-two percent also planned to vote in a municipal election. The intention to vote in student council elections at university or college was even higher at 86%.

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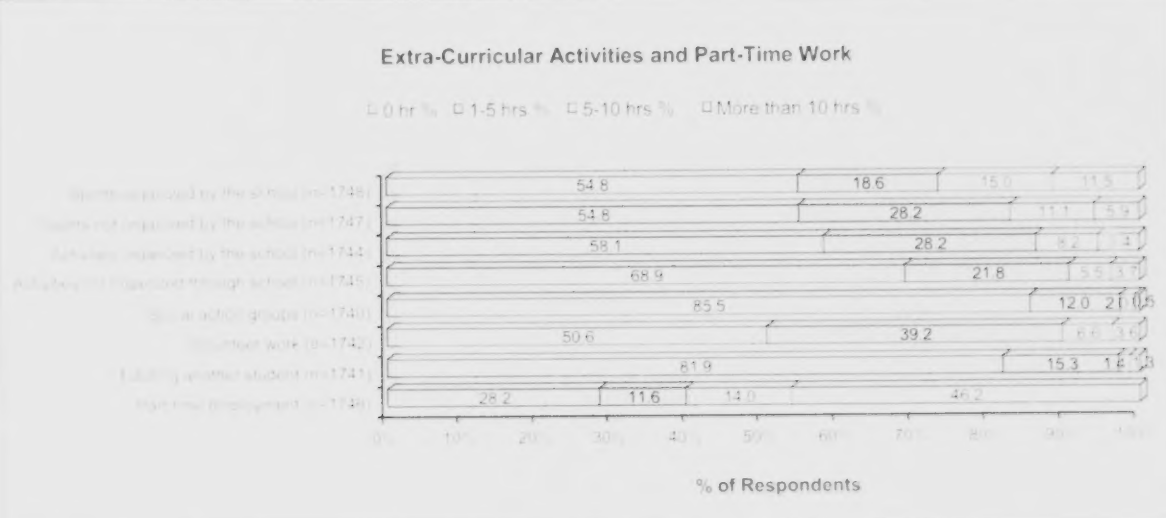
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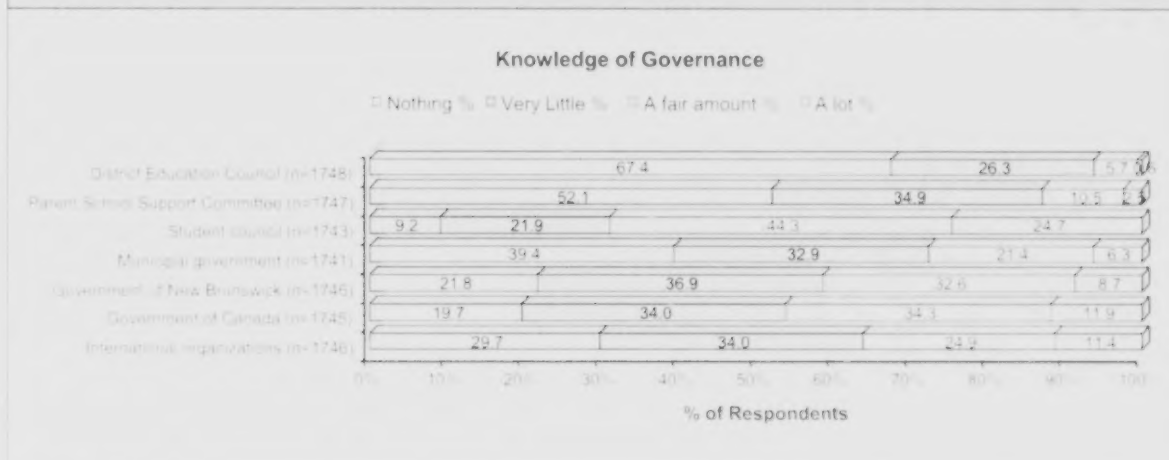
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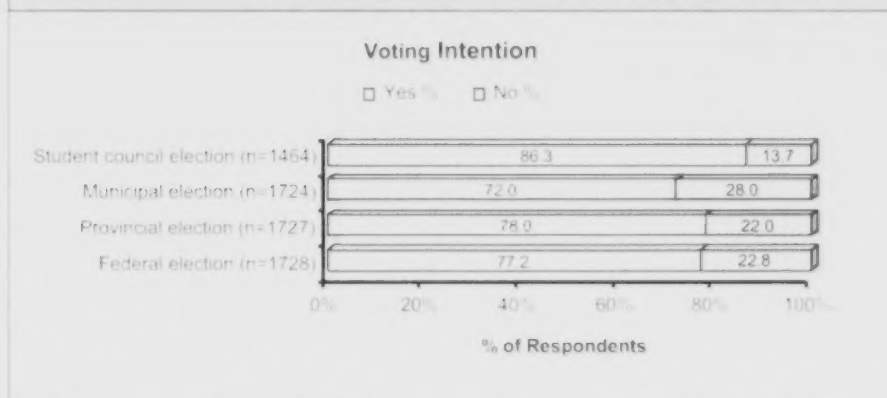


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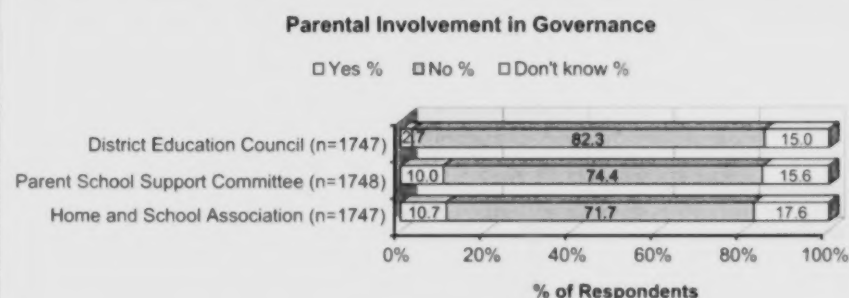
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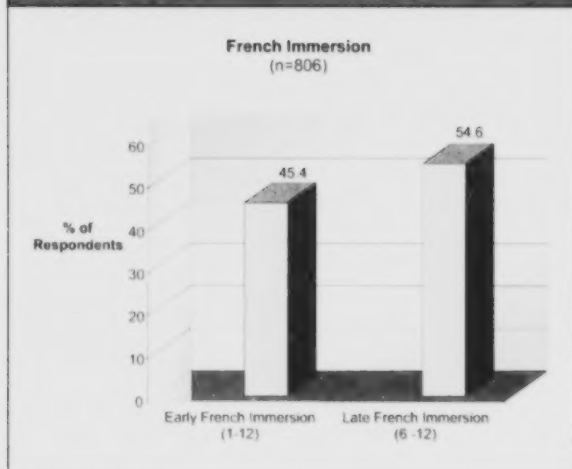
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Section F – Language Skills

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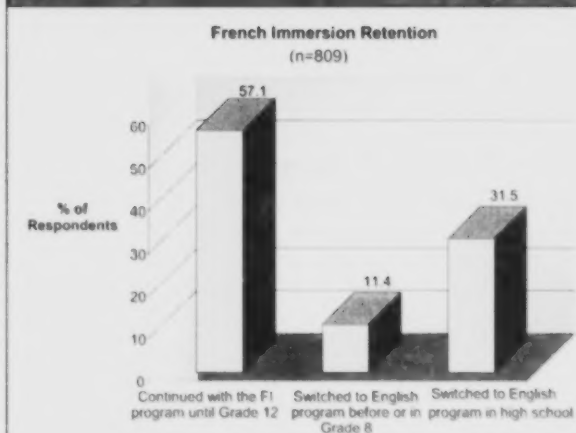
French Immersion

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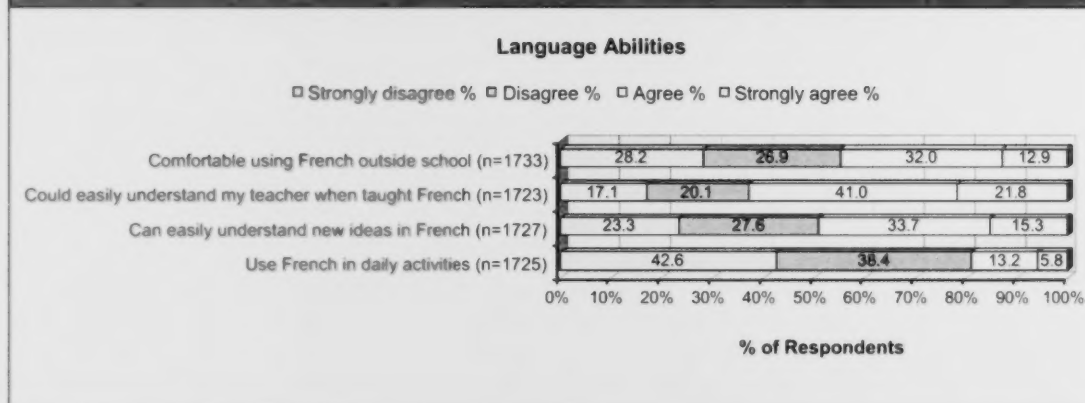


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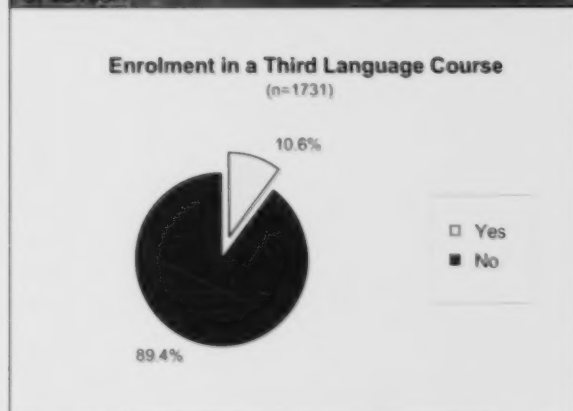


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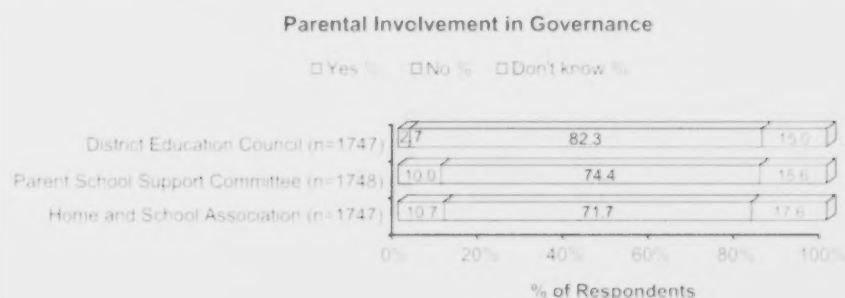
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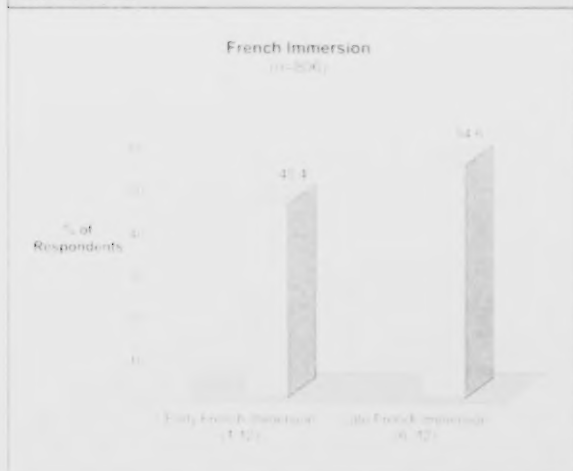
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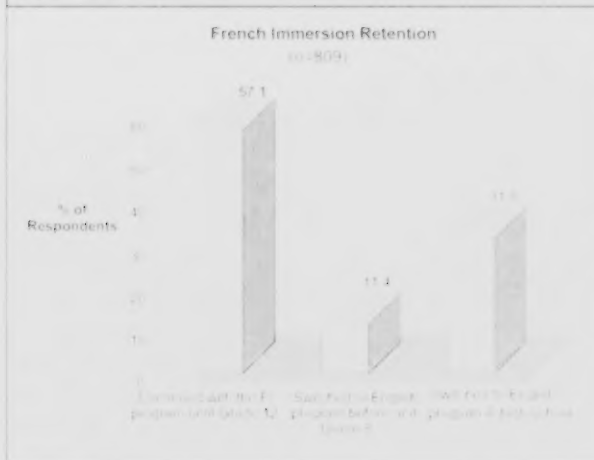
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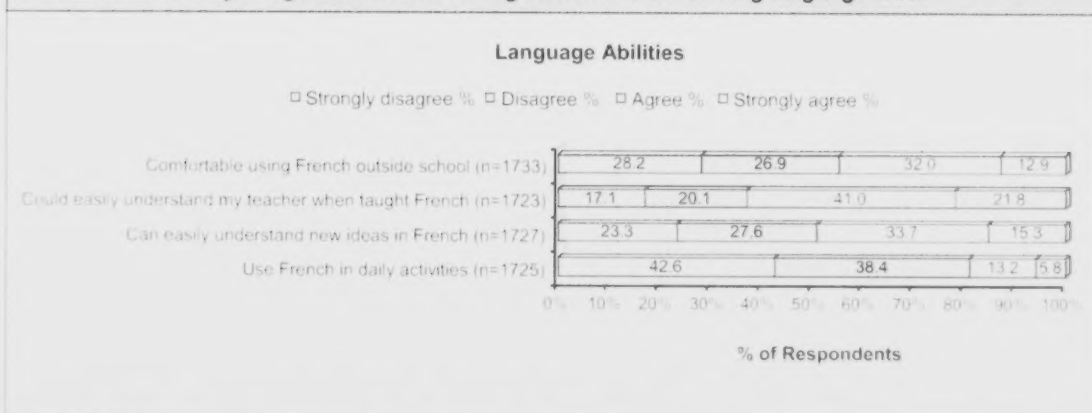


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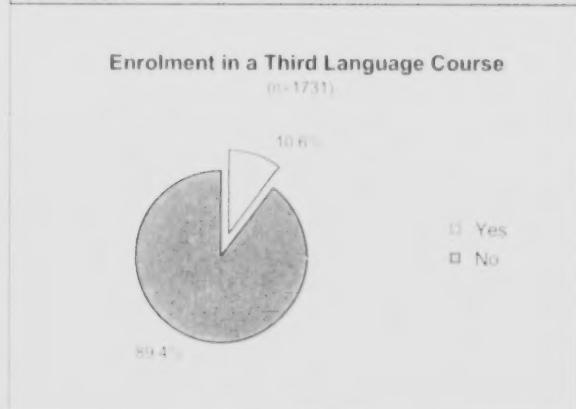


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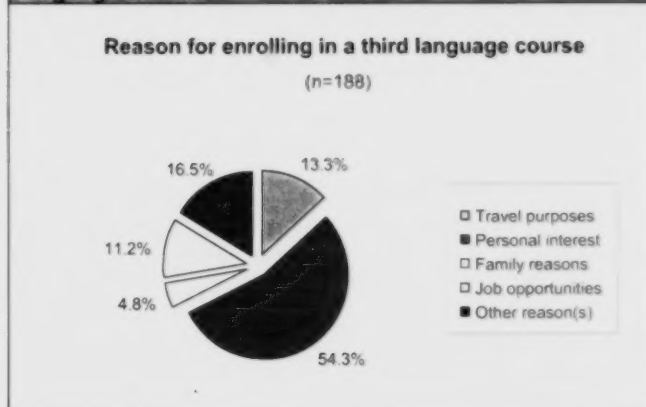
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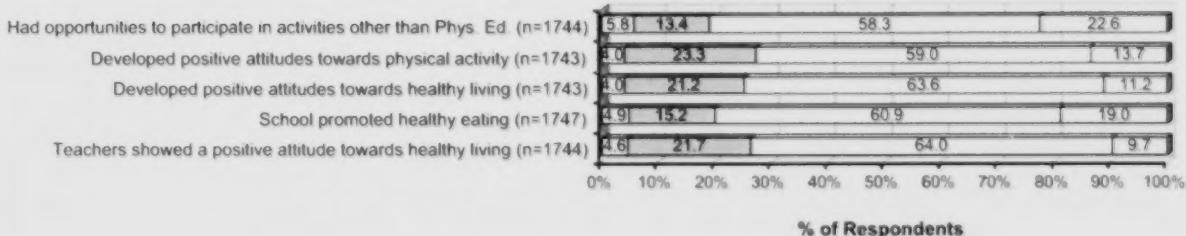
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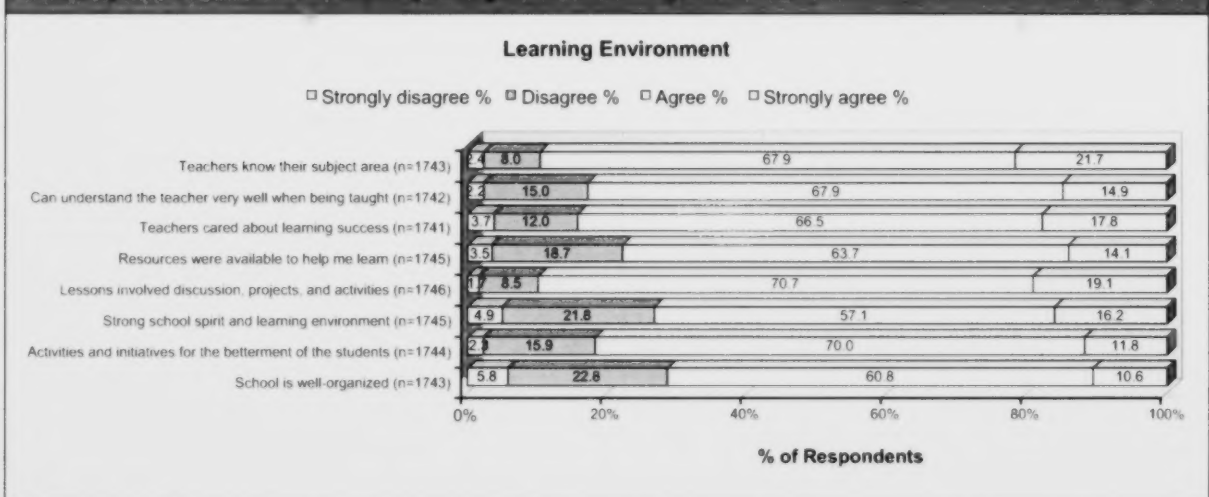
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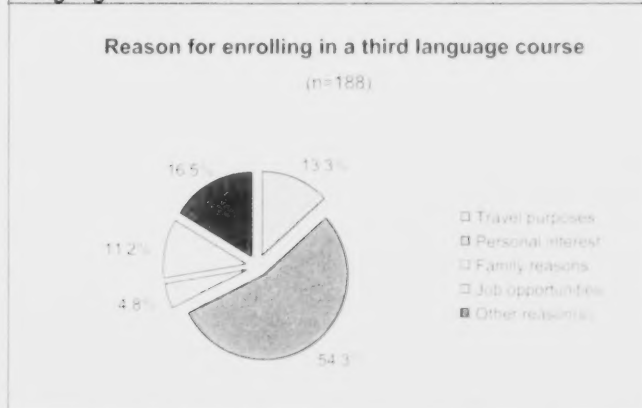
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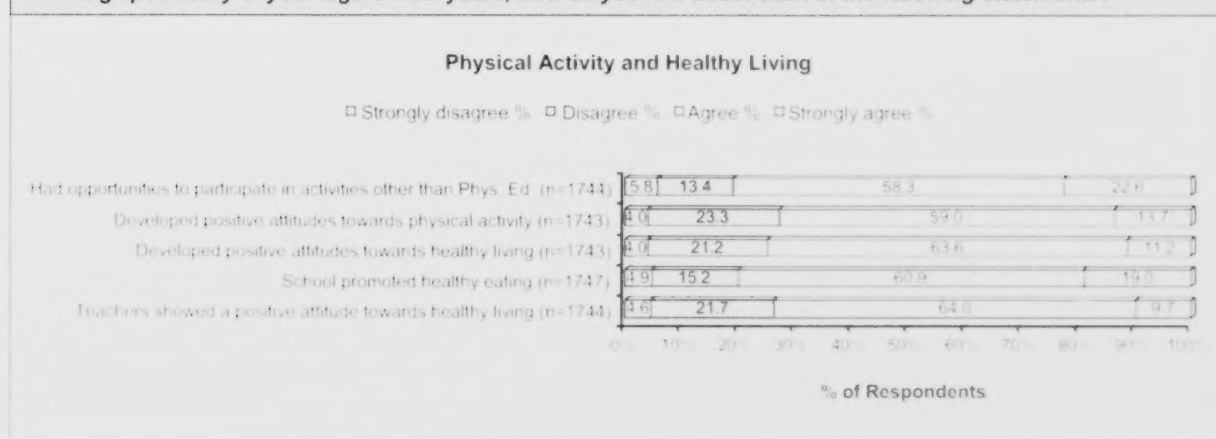
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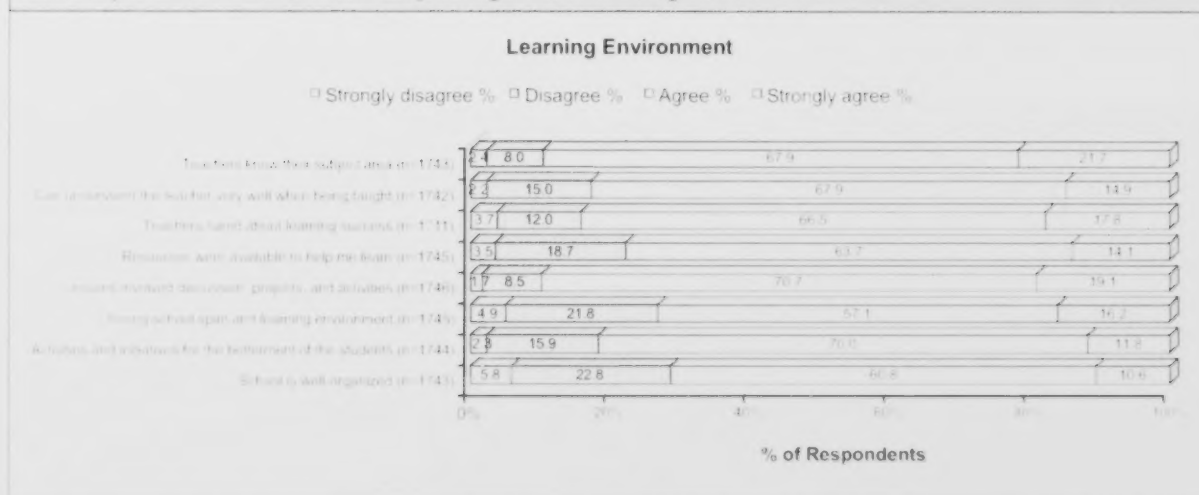
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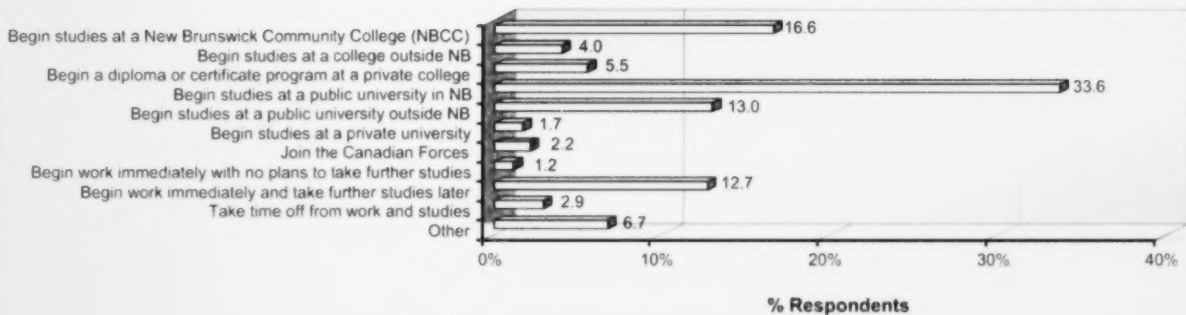
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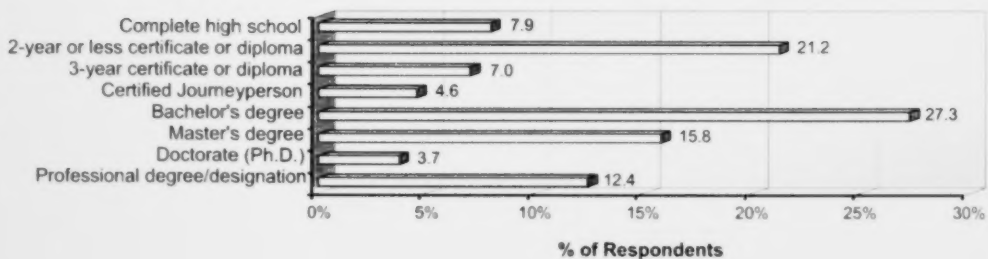
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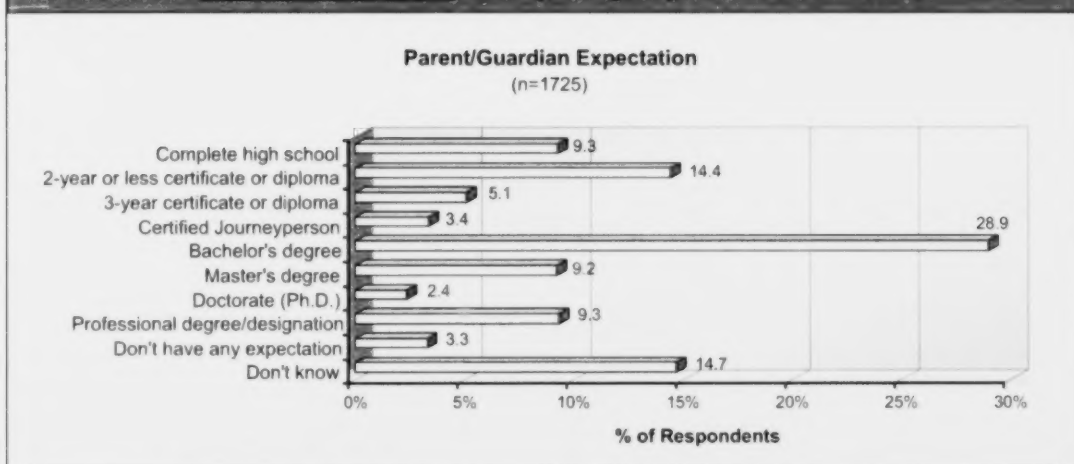
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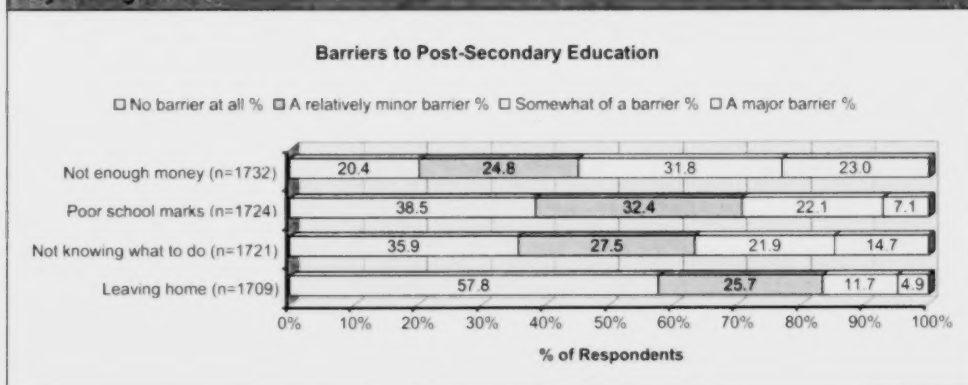
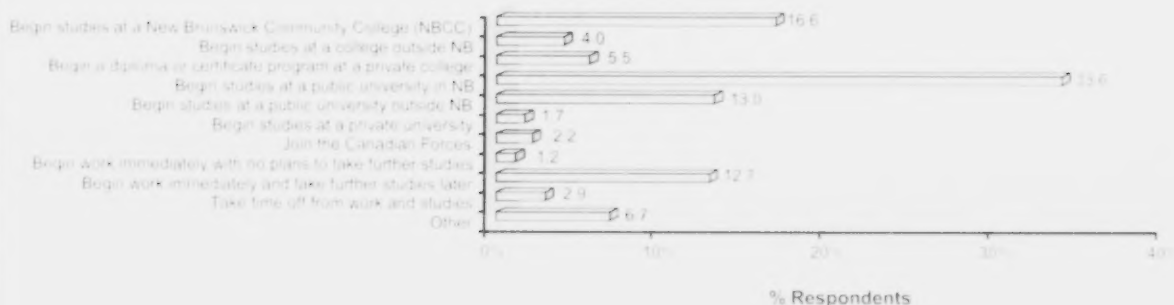


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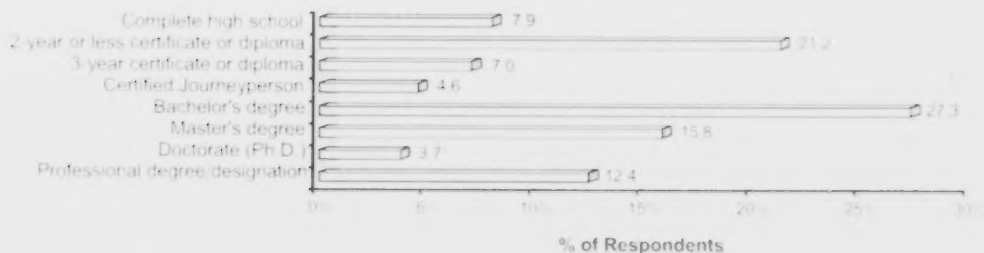
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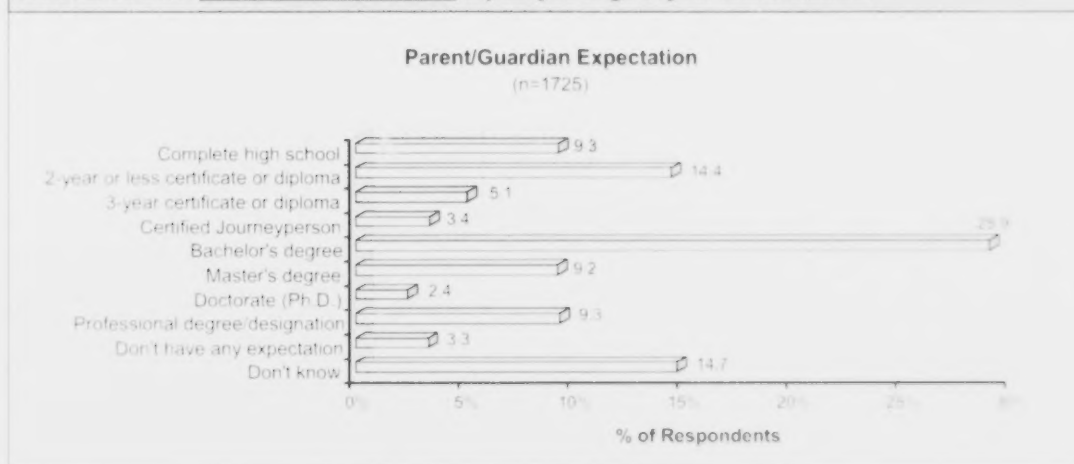
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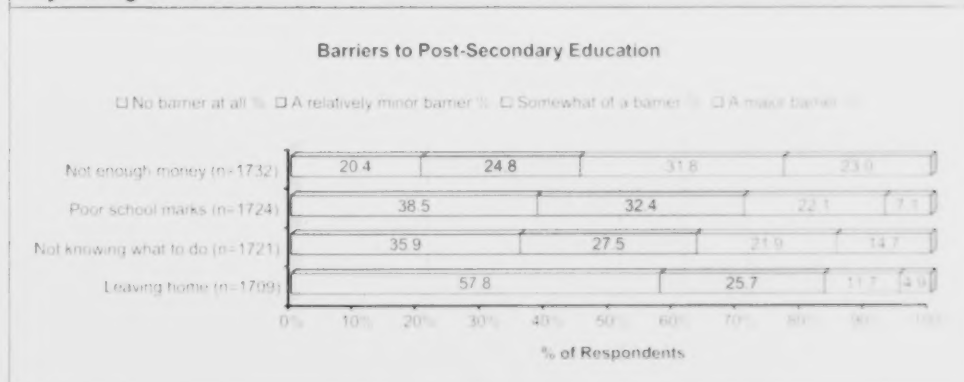
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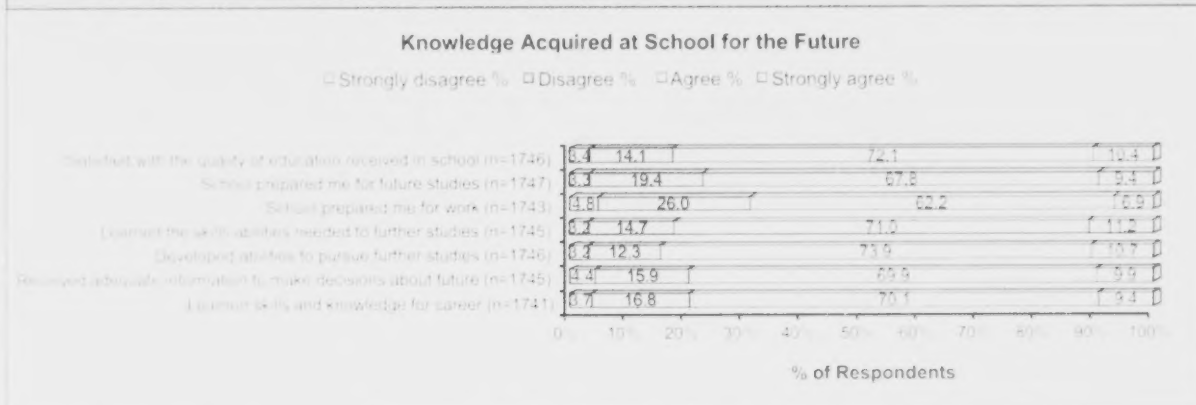
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Figure 24 – Satisfaction with the Knowledge Acquired at School

Indicate how you feel about each of the following statements.



Plans to Stay in the Province

Fifty percent of respondents planned to stay in the province and 31% planned to leave the province but come back in a few years. Only 19% of respondents planned to leave the province with no plan to come back.

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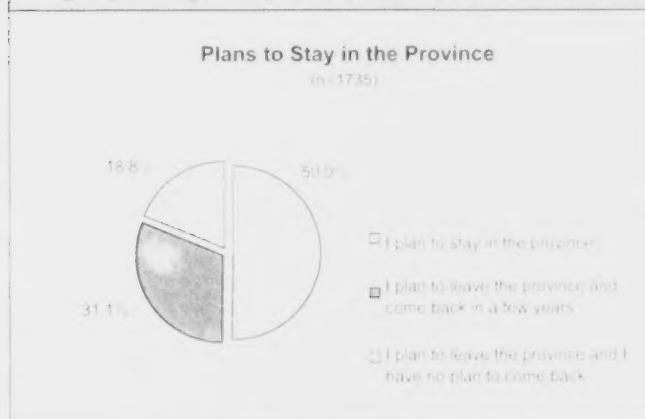
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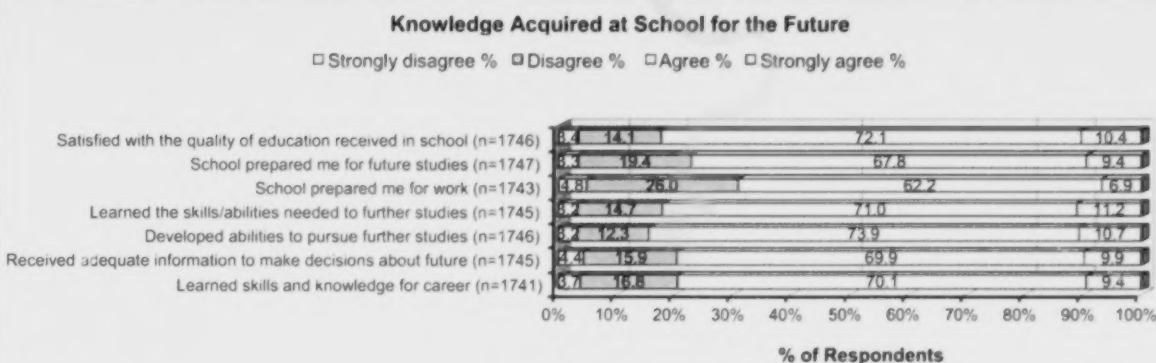
Are you planning to stay in the province in the future?



Satisfaction with the Knowledge Acquired at School

The majority of respondents appeared satisfied with the knowledge they acquired at school. Over eight respondents out of ten said they were satisfied with the quality of education received in school and believed they had learned the skills and developed the abilities needed to pursue further studies. More than three-quarters of respondents believed that school prepared them for post-secondary studies and 69% for work. Lastly, almost 80% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that they received adequate information to make decisions about their future.

Figure 24 – Satisfaction with the Knowledge Acquired at School
Indicate how you feel about each of the following statements:



Plans to Stay in the Province

Fifty percent of respondents planned to stay in the province and 31% planned to leave the province but come back in a few years. Only 19% of respondents planned to leave the province with no plan to come back.

Participation in a Follow-up Survey

Sixty percent of respondents agreed to be contacted for a follow-up survey.

Figure 25 – Plans to Stay in the Province
Are you planning to stay in the province in the future?

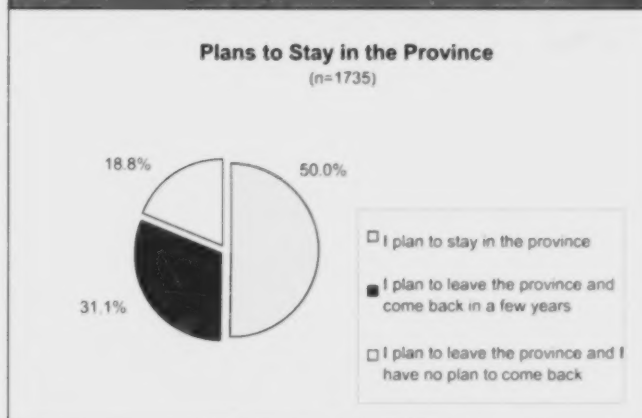


Table 4 – Participation in a Follow-up Survey
In the future, would you agree to be contacted to answer a follow-up survey?

Yes	59.6%
No	40.4%

You have been chosen to participate in this survey. Your answers are **confidential** and important to us.

This survey of grade 12 students will help us (the Department of Education, your school district and school) understand your opinions of your school experience, activities and future plans.

Thank you for taking the time to participate.

Instructions to students:

Read every question carefully, and then answer each by filling in the appropriate bubble.

Each bubble must be fully filled.

For example:

*Strongly
disagree*

O₁

Disagree

O₂

Agree

●₃

Strongly agree

O₄

Answer each question. If a question does not apply to you fill in the not applicable (N/A) bubble. Only one answer is accepted for each question.

Unless otherwise indicated, the questions relate to your high school (9-12) experience.

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

You may now proceed

SECTION A: Demographic Information

A1) Are you male or female?

- Male O₁
- Female O₂

**A2) What language do you speak at home most
or all of the time?**

- English O₁
- French O₂
- Equally both French and English O₃
- Other Language(s) O₄

A3) How old are you?

- 16 or under O₁
- 17 O₂
- 18 O₃
- 19 O₄
- 20 O₅
- 21 or over O₆

A4) Are you?

- An Aboriginal person living on a First Nation O₁
- An Aboriginal person not living on a First Nation O₂
- A visible minority (*other than Aboriginal*) O₃
- None of the above O₄

A5) Are you?

- A landed immigrant in Canada O₁
- A non-permanent resident of Canada O₂
- A Canadian citizen born in Canada O₃
- Other O₄

A6) With whom do you live most or all of the time?

- Both parents O₁
- Mother only O₂
- Father only O₃
- Time shared between mother and father O₄
- Guardian(s) O₅
- Other O₆

A7) Do you have a disability?

- Yes O₁
- No O₂

SECTION B: Academic Background

B1) Do you follow a special education plan?

- Yes O₁
- No O₂

B2) What were your most recent final marks in the following subject areas? (If you were never enrolled in one of the following courses, indicate N/A.)

NOTE: If you are following a special education plan and you do not receive marks, indicate N/A to the following questions.

	N/A	90% or more	80%-89%	70%-79%	60%-69%	Less than 60%
a) Mathematics	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
b) English	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
c) French second language	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
d) Biology	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
e) Physics	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
f) Chemistry	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
g) Computer science (any)	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
h) Law	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
i) History (any)	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅
j) Environmental science	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄	O ₅

	Never had to take a course more than once	1 course	2 courses	3 courses	More than 3 courses
B3) Did you have to take any high school courses more than once in order to receive a passing mark, if <u>yes</u>, how many courses?	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

SECTION C: School Environment

C1) How do you feel about each of the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Discipline is managed effectively at school.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) Students are generally well behaved in class.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) Students are generally well behaved outside of the classroom (e.g. in the hallways, on the bus, on school property).	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) My school is a safe environment.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) Learning is interrupted by discipline problems.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

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	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
f) I felt respected at school.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
g) My school is a place where I never felt like an outsider.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
h) I enjoyed my school experience.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
i) My school experience was academically challenging.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
j) The variety of courses available met my expectations.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

C2) Answer the following questions in regards to bullying.

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
a) I was bullied during my high school years	O ₁	O ₂
b) I was bullied during my middle school years	O ₁	O ₂
c) I was bullied at school during my elementary school years.	O ₁	O ₂

C3) Answer the follow-up questions in regard to bullying.

NOTE: if you were never bullied at school, indicate N/A to the following questions.

	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
a) Did the bullying occur frequently (<i>at least once a week</i>)?	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂
b) Did the bullying usually come from the same students?	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂
c) Did you report the bullying to your teachers?	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂
d) Did you inform your parent/guardian that you were bullied at school?	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂
e) Was the bullying issue resolved?	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂

SECTION D: E-Learning & New Technologies

D1) Indicate your level of satisfaction for each of the following statements.

	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Very satisfied</i>
a) Access to computers in the school.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) My ability to use computers effectively.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) Opportunities that my school gave me to improve my computer skills.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) Usefulness of the computer skills acquired.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) Opportunities that my school gave me to participate in online courses.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

D2) Indicate 'yes' or 'no' to the following questions regarding e-learning & new technologies.

	N/A	Yes	No
a) During your high school years, did you enroll in an online language course?		O ₁	O ₂
b) During your high school years, did you enroll in an online course <u>other than</u> language?		O ₁	O ₂
c) Are you satisfied with the online course you were enrolled in? (If you did not enroll, indicate N/A.)	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂
d) At school, did you often use computer technology (Internet, CD ROM) as a source of research?		O ₁	O ₂
e) At home, did you often use computer technology (Internet, CD ROM) as a source of research for school projects?		O ₁	O ₂
f) During your high school years, did the majority of your teachers use computer technology as a learning tool?		O ₁	O ₂
g) Are you comfortable with using computer technology as a learning tool?		O ₁	O ₂

SECTION E: Enrichment Opportunities

E1) Answer the following questions regarding enrichment opportunities.

	N/A	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Regularly
a) Have you had opportunities in high school to participate in cultural activities <u>organized through school</u> (e.g. plays, visits to museums, art galleries, musical groups)?		O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) Have you had opportunities in high school to participate in cultural activities <u>organized outside of school</u> (e.g. visited a museum or went to a play with your parents/guardians)?		O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) How often do you use the public or school library resources?		O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) How often do you read the newspaper, online news or watch TV news?		O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) If you needed any, did you receive tutoring during your high school years? (If you did not need any, indicate N/A.)	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

E2) Did you participate in any of the following during your high school years?

	Yes	No
a) Co-op / Work experience program	O ₁	O ₂
b) Youth Apprenticeship Program	O ₁	O ₂

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E3) Approximately how many hours per week are you involved in extra-curricular activities and part-time work during the school year?

	0	1-5	6-10	More than 10
a) Sport organized by the school (e.g. varsity basketball, hockey)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) Sport <u>not</u> organized by the school (e.g. minor hockey, soccer club)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) Organized activities by the school (e.g. drama, clubs, band, student council)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) Organized activities <u>not</u> through the school (e.g. Cadets, Junior Achievement)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) Social action groups (e.g. environment, animal protection, politics)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
f) Volunteer work in your community	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
g) Tutoring another student	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
h) Part-time employment	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

E4) How much do you know about the role of each of the following?

	Nothing	Very little	A fair amount	A lot
a) District Education Council (DEC)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) Student council	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) Municipal government	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) Government of New Brunswick	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
f) Government of Canada	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
g) International organizations (e.g. United Nations, World Trade Organization, NATO)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

E5) Do you plan to vote in the following elections when you are legally entitled to?

	N/A	Yes	No
a) Student council election at university or college (If you don't plan to attend a post-secondary institution, indicate N/A.)	O ₀	O ₁	O ₂
b) Municipal election		O ₁	O ₂
c) Provincial election		O ₁	O ₂
d) Federal election		O ₁	O ₂

E6) Were your parents/guardians involved in the following?

	Yes	No	Don't know
a) District Education Council (DEC)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃
b) Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃
c) Home and School Association	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃

SECTION F: Language Skills

F1) If you were enrolled in French Immersion were you enrolled in:

- Early French Immersion (Grade 1-12) O₁
- Late French Immersion (Grade 6-12) O₂
- Never enrolled in French Immersion (*English program / Core French*) O₃

F2) If you were enrolled in French Immersion did you:

- Continue with the F.I. program until grade 12 O₁
- Switch to English program before or in grade 8 O₂
- Switch to English program in high school O₃
- N/A (*never enrolled in French Immersion*) O₀

F3) Indicate how much you agree with the following statements concerning language skills.

	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
a) I am comfortable using French outside school.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) When I was last taught French second language, I could easily understand my teacher.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) I can easily understand new ideas in French.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) I use French in my daily activities.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) I am comfortable using a third language.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
f) I am satisfied with the opportunities that my school gave me to participate in third language courses.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

F4) Were you ever enrolled in a third language course at school?

- Yes O₁
- No O₂

F5) What was your main reason for enrolling in a third language course?

- Travel purposes O₁
- Personal interest O₂
- Family reasons O₃
- Job opportunities O₄
- Other reason(s) O₅
- Never enrolled in a third language class O₀

SECTION G: Physical Activity & Healthy Living

G1) Thinking specifically of your high school years, how do you feel about each of the following statements?

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
a) My school has provided opportunities to participate in exercise or physical activity other than phys. ed. class.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) My school has enabled me to develop positive attitudes towards physical activity.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) My school has enabled me to develop positive attitudes towards healthy living.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) My school promoted healthy eating by providing easy access to healthy food and snacks.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) Teachers showed a positive attitude towards healthy living and health related issues.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

SECTION H: Learning environment

H1) Indicate your overall satisfaction with your high school learning environment.

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>
a) Teachers know their subject area.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) When I am being taught I can understand the teacher very well.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) Overall, teachers cared about my learning success.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) If I did not understand a lesson in class, resources were available to help me learn.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) Lessons involved discussion, projects, and activities.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
f) My school has a strong school spirit and learning environment.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
g) My school offers activities and initiatives for the betterment of the students.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
h) I feel my school is well-organized.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

SECTION I: My future

I1) What do you think you are most likely to do when you finish high school? *(Only one answer is accepted.)*

- Begin studies at a New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) O₁
- Begin studies at a college outside NB (e.g. CEGEP, Holland College) O₂
- Begin a diploma or certificate program at a private college (e.g. CompuCollege, cosmetology school) O₃
- Begin studies at a public university in NB (e.g. UNB, UdeM, STU, Mount Allison) O₄
- Begin studies at a public university outside NB (e.g. Dalhousie, Acadia, McGill, Carleton) O₅
- Begin studies at a private university (e.g. Atlantic Baptist, Lansbridge) O₆
- Join the Canadian Forces O₇
- Begin work immediately with no plans to take further studies O₈
- Begin work immediately and take further studies later O₉
- Take time off from work and studies (e.g. travel) O₁₀
- Other O₁₁

I2) How far do you expect to go in your future studies? *(Only one answer is accepted.)*

- Complete high school O₁
- 2-year or less certificate or diploma O₂
- 3-year certificate or diploma O₃
- Certified journeyperson O₄
- Bachelor's degree O₅
- Master's degree O₆
- Doctorate (Ph.D.) O₇
- Professional degrees/designations (e.g. Medicine, Dentistry, Law) O₈

I3) How far do you think your parents/guardians expect you to go in your future studies? *(Only one answer is accepted.)*

- Complete high school O₁
- 2-year or less certificate or diploma O₂
- 3-year certificate or diploma O₃
- Certified journeyperson O₄
- Bachelor's degree O₅
- Master's degree O₆
- Doctorate (Ph.D.) O₇
- Professional degrees/designations (e.g. Medicine, Dentistry, Law) O₈
- Parents/Guardians don't have any expectations O₉
- I do not know my parents/guardians expectations regarding my future studies O₁₀

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I4) To what extent do you see the following as barriers for you in furthering your education beyond high school?

	No barrier at all	A relatively minor barrier	Somewhat of a barrier	A major barrier
a) Not having enough money to pay for education/training	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) Poor school marks	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) Not knowing what I really want to do	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) Having to leave home	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

I5) Indicate how you feel about each of the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I am satisfied with the quality of education received in school.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
b) My school has prepared me for future studies.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
c) My school has prepared me for work.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
d) I have learned the skills/abilities needed to go on to further studies (university, college).	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
e) I have developed abilities which enable me to pursue further studies (university, college).	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
f) I have received adequate information which will enable me to make decisions about my future.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄
g) I have learned skills and knowledge that will assist in my career.	O ₁	O ₂	O ₃	O ₄

I6) Are you planning to stay in the province in the future? (Only one answer is accepted.)

- I plan to stay in the province. O₁
- I plan to leave the province and come back in a few years. O₂
- I plan to leave the province and I have no plan to come back. O₃

I7) In the future, would you agree to be contacted to answer a follow-up survey?

Yes
O₁

No
O₂

This now completes the Exit Survey
Thank you for your cooperation



